PDS Cardholders

2936. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the region-wise breakup of PDS cardholders as on 31st December, 1998,2003 and 2005 in the country indicating percentage of BPL and APL categories in rural and urban areas therein;

(b) whether any review has been conducted to ascertain the rationale in the relationship between general economic status of a region, its BPL cardholder population and the volume of PDS articles off-take by BPL and APL households respectively;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) if not, the means of monitoring the prudence or otherwise of the consumption pattern of PDS articles *vis-a-vis* BPL and APL population in a region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The State-wise details of APL/BPL/AAY household as on December, 1998, 2003 & 2005 are given in the Statement (See below). The BPL and APL categories, rural and urban areas-wise, are not maintained in the Department. The number of State-wise families is based on the 1993-94 poverty estimation of Planning Commission, projected on the population projection of the Registrar General as on March 2000. As per the above criteria the total number of BPL households in the country are 6.52 crore including 2.50 crore, AAY households and APL households are 11.52 crore. However, most of the States/UTs have issued ration cards in excess of the Planning Commission's estimation.

(b) to (d) No such review has been undertaken. The aim of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is to ensure food security throughout the country and making available subsidized foodgrains to APL/BPL/AAY categories. The TPDS is supplemental in nature and does not cater to the full requirement of a household. The norms for allocation of foodgrains for all categories at present is @ 35 Kgs. per household, which is approx. 50% of the total requirement. Only rice, wheat, sugar and kerosene oil are being sold through the network of Fair Price Shops. Depending upon the choice and preferences as per consumption pattern of the people in a region, wheat or rice or both are supplied through the Fair Price shops.

Statement

Statement showing the number of ration cards as on December, 1998, 2003 and 2005.

(Figures in lakhs)

State/UT	December, 1998			December, 2003				December, 2005			
	APL	BPL	Total	APL	BPL	AAY	Total	APL	BPL	AAY	Total
Andhra *Pd.*	51.53	113.02	164.55	53.97	98.82	6.23	159.02	58.72	126.13	15.58	200.43
Arunachal Pd.	2.73	0.78	3.51	2.65	0.84	0.15	3.64	2.68	0.69	0.30	3.67
Assam	22.68	19.06	41.74	34.45	16.01	2.81	53.27	34.63	13.33	5.58	53.54
Bihar	88.74	84.26	173.00	52.20	61.64	10.00	123.84	52.20	56.64	15.00	123.84
Chhattisgarh	NA	NA	NA	25.94	14.86	4.31	45.11	25.94	13.48	5.69	45.11
Goa	2.88	0.07	2.95	3.03	0.19	0.07	3.29	3.13	0.13	0.15	3.41
Gujarat	67.59	33.62	101.21	65.53	32.78	11.36	109.67	80.91	29.27	6.44	116.62
Haryana	28.52	5.62	34.14	36.80	6.89	1.14	44.83	40.24	5.69	2.38	48.31
Himachal Pd.	8.96	2.84	11.80	10.49	2.12	0.80	13.41	10.50	1.35	1.54	13.39
J&K	10.12	3.36	13.48	10.94	6.23	1.13	18.30	10.94	5.18	2.18	18.30
Jharkhand	NA	NA	NA	5.15	20.28	3.66	29.09	5.15	16.68	7.27	29.10
Karnataka	43.57	59.50	103.07	48.44	58.20	4.80	111.44	60.52	42.69	9.50	112.71
Kerala	40.34	20.60	60.94	43.32	17.45	2.74	63.51	46.35	15.02	5.41	66.78
Madhya Pd.	91.45	42.36	133.81	82.27	45.73	6.31	134.31	82.27	38.78	13.27	134.32
Maharashtra	133.15	57.70	190.85	144.84	64.45	10.02	219.31	148.34	53.15	19.84	221.33
Manipur	0.67	1.13	1.80	1.89	1.03	0.25	3.17	2.41	1.16	0.50	4.07
Meghalaya	0.98	0.97	1.95	1.07	1.55	0.28	2.90	2.66	1.27	0.56	4.49
Mizoram	1.64	NA	1.64	1.61	0.58	0.10	2.29	1.71	0.42	0.26	2.39
Nagaland	1.05	0.96	2.01	0.75	1.05	0.19	1.99	1.83	0.77	0.47	3.07

Orissa	38.80	42.21	81.01	30.61	43.35	5.05	79.01	30.66	38.35	10.01	79.02
Punjab	45.64	4.88	50.52	47.57	6.42	0.72	54.71	48.20	6.59	0.72	55.51
Rajasthan	76.58	21.16	97.74	98.65	19.07	3.73	121.45	105.80	14.14	9.00	128.94
Sikkim	NA	NA	0.66	0.89	0.30	0.07	1.26	0.71	0.33	0.10	1.14
Tamil Nadu*	88.67	55.00	143.67	161.14	*	7.16	168.30	*	153.53	14.77	168.30
Tripura	4.48	2.31	6.79	4.21	2.50	0.45	7.16	4.33	2.27	0.68	7.28
Uttar Pd.	159.96	95.48	255.44	274.00	90.42	16.37	380.79	274.00	65.85	40.94	380.79
Uttaranchal	NA	NA	NA	16.99	4.22	0.76	21.97	17.17	4.30	1.14	22.61
West Bengal	106.41	47.07	153.48	112.81	41.46	5.84	160.11	113.58	33.08	14.21	160.87
A&N Islands	0.73	0.12	0.85	0.71	0.11	0.04	0.86	0.75	0.12	0.04	0.91
Chandigarh	0.02	0.00	0.02	2.18	0.05	0.02	2.25	2.19	0.07	0.02	2.28
D&N Haveli	0.32	0.17	0.49	0.17	0.13	0.03	0.33	0.29	0.12	0.04	0.45
Daman & Diu	0.25	0.02	0.27	0.25	0.03	0.01	0.29	0.25	0.04	0.01	0.30
Delhi	NA	NA	30.51	34.00	4.06	0.31	38.37	23.81	3.83	0.56	28.20
Lakshadweep	0.12	NA	0.12	0.13	0.01	0.004	0.14	0.13	0.01	0.004	0.14
Pondicherry	1.62	0.89	2.51	1.81	0.87	0.1	2.78	1.73	0.86	0.32	2.91
Total:	1120.20	715.16	1866.53	1411.46	663.70	107.01	2182.17	1294.73	745.32	204.48	2244.53

*Separate figures APL/BPL cards in Tamil Nadu are not available as there is no categorization on the basis of APL/BPL in the State.